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At least half of U.S. states now outlaw devices that convert pistols into machine guns

By **DAVID A. LIEB**
Associated Press

In New Mexico, police and prosecutors backed an effort to outlaw devices that convert pistols into machine guns. In Alabama, the governor made it a priority. Lawmakers in both states — one led by Democrats, the other by Republicans — responded this year with new laws making so-called Glock switches illegal.

At least half of U.S. states now have similar laws prohibiting the possession of such devices, a list that has grown over the past decade as law enforcement officers have found more of the tiny yet powerful devices attached to guns. States are mimicking federal law, which for decades has generally pro-



Two semi-automatic pistols are displayed for a photograph, one with a conversion device installed making it fully automatic, at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), National Services Center, Thursday, March 2, 2023, in Martinsburg, W.Va.

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hibited machine guns and any parts that can transform semiautomatic weapons into automatic ones.

What does federal law say?

U.S. law defines a machine gun as a weapon that automatically fires more than one shot with a single pull of a trigger. The definition also

includes any parts designed to convert a weapon into a machine gun.

Federal law prohibits possessing machine guns made after 1986, with some exceptions for law enforcement, the military and certain licensed dealers. Nearly all conversion devices are illegal because they were made more recently.

People convicted of possessing machine guns and conversion devices can face up to 10 years in prison.

What is a Glock switch?

A Glock switch is one type of a machine gun conversion device. It's a metal or plastic piece, about the size of a coin, that attaches to the back of Glock pistol, a brand that is popular with both police and criminals. The switch interferes with a gun's internal trigger components so that it fires continuously when the trigger is pulled back and held.

A gun outfitted with a switch can fire dozens of bullets in mere seconds, similar to a factory-made machine gun. Other brands of pistols that mimic Glocks also can be converted to machine guns. So can some semiautomatic rifles. Such conversion devices also are referred to as auto sears, selector switches or chips.

What does the data indicate?

The use of auto sears spiked in the past decade, partly because they can be made inexpensively with 3D printers.

From 2012 to 2016, just 814 machine gun conversion parts were taken into custody by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. That swelled to 5,454 from 2017-2021.

In January, former President Joe Biden's administration said 12,360 suspected machine gun conversion devices had been recovered in the U.S. and submitted to the ATF during a roughly 34-month period ending in October 2024.

Five states including Florida, Illinois, Texas, Montana and North Dakota accounted for nearly half that total.

What have states been doing?

Alabama is the latest state to outlaw Glock switches. A law signed this month by Republican Gov. Kay Ivey makes possessing parts designed to convert pistols into machine guns a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The bipartisan push in Alabama came after police said they believed conversion devices had been used in fatal shootings, including one in September that killed four and injured 17 people outside a Birmingham lounge.

Democratic New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed a law in February making possession of a weapon conversion device a felony punishable by up to three years in prison.

Similar legislation passed the New Jersey General Assembly last week and now heads to the Senate. Bills also are pending in other states.

Republican Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed a law last year making auto sears illegal. But Youngkin vetoed legislation this past week that would have broadened an existing ban on "trigger activators" to cover additional devices that increase firing rates of semiautomatic weapons.

What do gun control advocates want?

Groups such as Everytown for Gun Safety say state laws provide a sometimes easier alternative to federal prosecution for possessing Glock switches. But they want to go further. Everytown for Gun Safety is backing legislation in California, Maryland and New York that would make it illegal to sell pistols that could be transformed into machine guns. "That really puts the pressure where it belongs — on the manufacturers that are making money off of guns that they know can be readily turned into machine guns," said Nick Suplina, senior vice president for law and policy at Everytown for Gun Safety. Several cities and states including Baltimore, Chicago, Minnesota and New Jersey have sued Glock for making pistols that can be converted by others to automatic weapons. □

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Trump says he's considering ways to serve a third term as president

By CHRIS MEGERIAN

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— President Donald Trump said Sunday that "I'm not joking" about trying to serve a third term, the clearest indication he is considering ways to breach a constitutional barrier against continuing to lead the country after his second term ends at the beginning of 2029.

"There are methods which you could do it," Trump said in a telephone interview with NBC News from Mar-a-Lago, his private club.

He also said "it is far too early to think about it."

The 22nd Amendment, added to the Constitution in 1951 after President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected four times in a row, says "no person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice."

Any attempt to remain in office would be legally suspect and it is unclear how seriously Trump might pursue the idea. The comments nonetheless were an extraordinary reflection of the desire to maintain power by a president who had violated democratic traditions four years ago when he tried to overturn the election he lost to Democrat Joe Biden.

"This is yet another escalation in his clear effort to take over the government and dismantle our democracy,"



President Donald Trump arrives on Air Force One at Palm Beach International Airport, Friday, March 28, 2025, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

said a statement from Rep. Daniel Goldman, a New York Democrat who served as lead counsel for Trump's first impeachment. "If Congressional Republicans believe in the Constitution, they will go on the record opposing Trump's ambitions for a third term."

Steve Bannon, a former Trump strategist who runs the right-wing "War Room" podcast, called for the president to run again during a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference last month. "We want Trump in '28," he said.

Jeremy Paul, a constitutional law professor at Boston's Northeastern University, said "there are no credible legal arguments for him to run for a third term."

NBC's Kristen Welker asked Trump if one potential avenue to a third term was having Vice President JD Vance run for the top job and "then pass the baton to you."

"Well, that's one," Trump responded. "But there are others too. There are others." "Can you tell me another?" Welker asked.

"No," Trump replied. Vance's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press.

Derek Muller, a professor of election law at Notre Dame, noted that the 12th Amendment, which was ratified in 1804, says "no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States."

Muller said that indicates that if Trump is not eligible to run for president again because of the 22nd Amendment, he is not eligible to run for vice president, either.

"I don't think there's any 'one weird trick' to getting around presidential term limits," Muller said.

In addition, pursuing a third term would require extraordinary acquiescence by federal and state officials, not to mention the courts and voters themselves.

He suggested that Trump is talking about a third term for political reasons to "show as much strength as possible." "A lame-duck president like Donald Trump has every incentive in the world to make it seem like he's not a lame duck," he said.

Trump, who would be 82 at the end of his second term, was asked whether he would want to keep serving in "the toughest job in the country" at that point.

"Well, I like working," the president said.

Trump suggested that Americans would go along with a third term because of his popularity. He falsely claimed to have "the highest poll numbers of any Republican for the last 100 years."

Gallup data shows President George W. Bush reaching a 90% approval rating after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. His father, President George H.W. Bush, hit 89% following the Gulf War in 1991.

Trump has maxed out at 47% in Gallup data during his second term, despite claiming to be "in the high 70s in many polls, in the real polls." □

Authorities investigate damaging fire at New Mexico's GOP headquarters

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating an early morning fire on Sunday that damaged the entryway to the headquarters of the Republican Party of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Agents working with local authorities recovered unspecified "incendiary materials" at the scene, said Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesperson Cody Monday. He declined to say what the materials were or to share further details.

The fire follows numerous acts of vandalism in recent weeks directed against Tesla, the electric-car company whose owner, Elon

Musk, has led Republican President Donald Trump's effort to slash the federal workforce.

Several of those cases involved Molotov cocktails that were used to start fires at dealerships. U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi has called it a "wave of domestic terrorism."

Attacks on property carrying the logo of Elon Musk's electric-car company are cropping up across the U.S. and overseas. While no injuries have been reported, Tesla showrooms, vehicle lots, charging stations and privately owned cars have been targeted.

Firefighters responded to the fire just before 6 a.m. and brought it under control within about five minutes, according to Lt. Jason Fejer with Albuquerque Fire Rescue.

The building was unoccupied and no one was injured. But the blaze badly burned the entrance and caused extensive smoke damage throughout the office, where three people work full time, according to Fejer and Republican party representatives.

A photo provided by GOP representatives showed the charred entrance of the building with wood and pieces of burned insulation scattered on the ground. A broken and burned door was set to one side.

The GOP office's security system detected the fire, with quickly extinguishing the flames and preventing the fire from spreading. □



This photo provided by the Republican Party of New Mexico shows damage to the group's headquarters building from a fire, March 30, 2025, in Albuquerque N.M..

(Republican Party of New Mexico via Associated Press)

said New Mexico Republican Party Chair Amy Barela. She credited firefighters

with quickly extinguishing the flames and preventing the fire from spreading. □

Minnesota officials seek answers in case of graduate student detained by ICE

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Officials in Minnesota are seeking answers in the case of a University of Minnesota graduate student who's being detained by U.S. immigration authorities for unknown reasons.

University leadership said Immigration and Customs Enforcement detained the student Thursday at an off-campus residence. Officials said the school was not given advance notice about the detention and did not share information with federal authorities. The student's name and nationality have not been released.

As the case remained largely a mystery, state and local leaders called on federal authorities to explain their actions.

"My office and I are doing all we can to get information about this concerning case," Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar said in a post on the social media site X. "We're in contact with the University and understand they had no prior warning or information that led to this detainment." She said that international students are "a major part of the fabric of life in the school and our community."

The detained student is enrolled in business school at the university's Twin Cities



A person walks on campus at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on April 21, 2020.

Associated Press

campus. University officials said the school is providing the student with legal aid and other support services. The university's graduate labor union organized a protest Saturday outside the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in downtown Minneapolis. Organizers said they stood in solidarity with international students facing uncertain futures as the new Trump administration pursues an immigration crackdown that has targeted people with ties to American col-

leges and universities.

"An increasing number of international students are being detained without due process across the country," leaders of the University of Minnesota Graduate Labor Union-United Electrical Local 1105 said in a statement. "These constitutional violations are part of a larger plan to continue stripping our rights away from us, starting with immigrants. It will not stop there."

The Trump administration has cited a seldom-invoked

statute authorizing the secretary of state to revoke visas of noncitizens who could be considered a threat to foreign policy interests. More than half a dozen people are known to have been taken into custody or deported in recent weeks. Most of the detainees have shown support for Palestinian causes during campus protests over the war in Gaza last year.

"An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us," the union's president, Abaki Beck, said in a statement.

What prompted authorities to detain the University of Minnesota student is still unknown. ICE officials have not responded to an Associated Press email requesting comment. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said on X that he is in touch with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "The University of Minnesota is an international destination for education and research," Walz wrote. "We have any number of students studying here with visas, and we need answers."

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey also called the case "deeply troubling."

"Educational environments must be places where all students can focus on learning and growing without fear," he wrote on X.

Officials promised to release more information about the case once they have updates.

"International students are huge assets to the University of Minnesota," U.S. Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota said in a Facebook post. "They move thousands of miles away from their families and support systems to learn from the best and the brightest. I can't imagine how terrified they are after learning ICE has detained one of their classmates." □

Rain turns to ice, cuts power in Great Lakes region while Tennessee braces for wild weather



In this photo provide by Jesika Fox, freezing rain and ice brought down power lines and trees in Alpena, Mich., Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press
Freezing rain brought down

trees and power lines in Michigan and Wisconsin,

cutting electricity for thousands of people Sunday in the upper Great Lakes region, while forecasters said severe weather was on its way to Tennessee.

Winds topping 70 mph (112 kph) were possible for the middle of Tennessee, with a chance of tornadoes as well as hail as large as 2 inches (5 centimeters) Sunday night, the National Weather Service said.

"Have your safe place cleaned out just in case," forecasters said on social platform X.

More than 400,000 power outages were reported in Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. Churches that had power, as well as schools

and fire halls, were turned into warming centers as utilities worked to restore electricity, a job that will likely stretch into Monday in small communities and rural pockets.

The Weather Service office in Gaylord, Michigan, was in the middle of it, saying on X: "Accumulations range here from a half inch to nearly a whole inch of ice!" Despite the calendar showing spring, "it's still winter," said Ryan Brege, managing director of the Alpena County, Michigan, Road Commission, 250 miles (402 kilometers) north of Detroit. Alpena Power said nearly all of its 16,750 customers — homes and businesses

— were in the dark. Many churches without power in Wisconsin and Michigan were forced to cancel Sunday services.

"We pray that everyone stays safe!" said Calvary Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin. Jesika Fox said she and her husband drove more than 40 minutes from their home in Alpena, Michigan, to find fuel for a generator. Her family lost power Saturday night but kept the house warm by using a fan to circulate heat from a gas-burning stove.

"We just passed a veterinary clinic. The entire front corner of the building was taken out by a tree," said Fox, 36. □

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Iran has rejected direct negotiations with the U.S. in response to Trump's letter

By JON GAMBRELL and AMIR VAHDAT

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran's president said Sunday that the Islamic Republic rejected direct negotiations with the United States over its rapidly advancing nuclear program, offering Tehran's first response to a letter that U.S. President Donald Trump sent to the country's supreme leader.

President Masoud Pezeshkian said that Iran's response, delivered via the sultanate of Oman, left open the possibility of indirect negotiations with Washington. However, such talks have made no progress since Trump in his first term unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in 2018.

In the years since, regional tensions have boiled over into attacks at sea and on land. Then came the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip, which saw Israel target militant group leaders across Iran's self-described "Axis of Resistance."

Now, as the U.S. conducts intense airstrikes targeting



In this photo released by the Iranian Presidency Office, President Masoud Pezeshkian speaks during a rally commemorating anniversary of 1979 Islamic Revolution that toppled the late pro-U.S. Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and brought Islamic clerics to power, in Tehran, Iran, Monday, Feb. 10, 2025.

Associated Press

the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels of Yemen, the risk of military action targeting Iran's nuclear program remains on the table.

"We don't avoid talks; it's the breach of promises that has caused issues for us so far," Pezeshkian said in televised

remarks during a Cabinet meeting. "They must prove that they can build trust."

The U.S. State Department, responding to Pezeshkian, said that "President Trump has been clear: the United States cannot allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon."

"The president expressed his willingness to discuss a deal with Iran," it added. "If the Iranian regime does not want a deal, the president is clear, he will pursue other options, which will be very bad for Iran."

Trump said before Pezeshki-

an's comments that he was considering military action and secondary tariffs, if Iran doesn't agree to a nuclear deal.

"If they don't make a deal, there will be bombing and it will be bombing the likes of which they have never seen before," Trump said in a comment aired Sunday by NBC News.

Iran's position hardens after Trump's letter

Having Pezeshkian announce the decision shows just how much has changed in Iran, since his election a half-year ago after he campaigned on a promise to re-engage with the West.

Since Trump's election and the resumption of his "maximum pressure" campaign on Tehran, Iran's rial currency has gone into a freefall. Pezeshkian had left open discussions up until Iran's 85-year-old Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei came down hard on Trump in February and warned talks "are not intelligent, wise or honorable" with his administration. The Iranian president then immediately toughened his own remarks on the U.S. □

Greenland prime minister says U.S. will not get Greenland

By The Associated Press

The prime minister of Greenland pushed back Sunday against assertions by U.S. President Donald Trump that America will take control of the island territory.

Greenland, a huge, resource-rich island in the Atlantic, is a self-governing territory of Denmark, a NATO ally of the United States. Trump wants to annex the territory, claiming it's needed for national security purposes.

"President Trump says that

the United States 'will get Greenland.' Let me be clear: The United States will not get it. We do not belong to anyone else. We decide our own future," Jens-Frederik Nielsen said in a Facebook post.

Nielsen's post comes a day after the U.S. president told NBC News that military force wasn't off the table with regard to acquiring Greenland.

In Saturday's interview, Trump allowed that "I think there's a good possibility that

we could do it without military force."

"This is world peace, this is international security," he said, but added: "I don't take anything off the table."

Greenland's residents and politicians have reacted with anger to Trump's repeated suggestions, with Danish leaders also pushing back. Trump also said "I don't care," when asked in the NBC interview what message this would send to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who



Jens-Frederik Nielsen, leader of the Demokratit party participates a TV debates before the upcoming elections in Nuuk, Greenland, March 8, 2025.

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has invaded Ukraine and annexed several of its prov-

inces in defiance of international law. □

Hegseth calls Japan indispensable in the face of Chinese aggression

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth called Japan on Sunday an "indispensable partner" in deterring growing Chinese assertiveness in the region and announced upgrading the U.S. military command in Japan to a new "war-fighting headquarters."

Hegseth, who is on his first Asia trip with Japan as his second stop, also stressed the need for both countries to do more to accelerate the strengthening of their military capability as the region faces China's assertive military actions and a possible Taiwan emergency.

"Japan is our indispensable partner in deterring Communist Chinese military aggression," Hegseth said at the beginning of his talks with Japan's Defense Minister Gen Nakatani in Tokyo. "The US is moving fast, as you know, to reestablish deterrence in this region and around the world."

His comments come as an assurance at a time when Japan has been worried about how U.S. engagement in the region may change under President Donald Trump's "America First" policy, Japanese defense officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity, citing protocol. Trump has also threatened to impose trade tariffs on Japan, a key U.S. ally, sparking more concern.



U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, left, shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba at the prime minister's office in Tokyo Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Associated Press

The two sides agreed to accelerate plans to jointly develop and produce missiles such as Advanced Medium-Range Air to Air Missiles, or MRAAM, and consider producing SM-6 surface-to-air missiles, to help ease a shortage of munitions, Nakatani said. The ministers also agreed to speed up the process involving the maintenance of U.S. warships and warplanes in Japan to strengthen and complement Japanese and U.S. defense industries.

Japan and the U.S. decided in July to upgrade the command and control of the Japanese military as well as

U.S. forces in the East Asian country, under the Biden administration, a major structural change aimed at bolstering joint operational and response capabilities. Japan is home to more than 50,000 U.S. troops.

Tokyo last week launched the Japan Joint Operations Command, or JJOC, whose mission is to coordinate Japanese Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces, in a significant action to further strengthen capabilities to respond to contingencies and better cooperate with the U.S.

Hegseth announced Sunday the upgrading of its current

command, U.S. Forces Japan, by placing a unified operational commander to function as a joint force headquarters to liaise with its Japanese counterpart to serve as "war-fighting headquarters" to bolster speed and capability of their troops' joint operations.

The Pentagon chief said the reorganization of U.S. troops is a step to better prepare for a possible conflict. America and Japan both work for peace, but "we must be prepared," he said.

The Japanese defense officials say they are not expecting a significant change in their responsibilities or an

increase in U.S. troops in Japan. Hegseth and Nakatani told a joint news conference that they have also agreed on the need to beef up Japan's defense posture on the Southwestern islands, which are in critical locations along the disputed areas in the East China Sea and near Taiwan to further step up deterrence against China.

He stressed the need to have "sustaining, robust, ready and credible deterrence" in the Indo-Pacific, including across the Taiwan Strait, as "Japan would be on the frontlines of any contingency we might face in the western Pacific." China claims Taiwan as its own territory. The U.S. is obligated under a 1979 law to provide Taiwan with sufficient military hardware and technology to deter invasion, and its arm sales to Taiwan have always drawn strong opposition from Beijing.

On Saturday, he joined the U.S.-Japan joint memorial to honor the war dead in the Battle of Iwo Jima as they marked the 80th anniversary of the end of one of the fiercest battles of World War II, praising the strong alliance between the former enemies.

Before landing in Japan, Hegseth stopped in the Philippines where he also ensured Trump's commitment to step up ties with the Southeast Asian country that faces maritime disputes with Beijing. □



Newly appointed French Minister of Solidarity and Families Aurore Berge arrives to attend the weekly cabinet meeting after a cabinet reshuffle, at the Elysee Palace in Paris, on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024.

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A French minister on Sunday accused U.S. diplomats of interfering in the operations of French companies by sending them a letter

reportedly telling them that U.S. President Donald Trump's rollback of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives could also apply outside of the Unit-

France accuses U.S. diplomats of meddling with a 'diktat' about Trump's DEI policies

ed States. French media said that the letter received by major French companies was signed by an officer of the U.S. State Department who is on the staff at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. The embassy didn't respond to questions this weekend from The Associated Press.

Le Figaro daily newspaper published what it said was a copy of the letter. The document said that an executive order that Trump signed in January terminating DEI programs within the federal government also "applies to all suppliers and service providers of the U.S. Gov-

ernment, regardless of their nationality and the country in which they operate." The document asked recipients to complete, sign and return within five days a separate certification form to demonstrate that they are in compliance.

That form, also published by Le Figaro, said: "All Department of State contractors must certify that they do not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable anti-discrimination laws."

The form asked recipients to tick a box to confirm that they "do not operate

any programs promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws." The letter added: "If you do not agree to sign this document, we would appreciate it if you could provide detailed reasons, which we will forward to our legal services."

Aurore Bergé, France's minister for equality between women and men and combating discrimination, said Sunday that the letter is "a form, obviously, of interference. That's to say it's an attempt to impose a diktat on our businesses." □



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Planning on snorkeling? Get to know our "Dorado"

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever planning on snorkeling during your vacation on Aruba, you may spot fish that you can't recognize. One of these may be the "Dorado", a common fish that swims all year long in the waters of Aruba. Here's some information about the beloved Dorado.

Dorado has many different names it can be referred to. Dral, Dorao, Drals, Drado, are some of them in Papiamentu. In English, it is also called Mahi Mahi, Dolphinfish, or Dorado. It's a good example to reflect on why there can be many names. The same fish becomes known by different common names, why? Common names come only when a group of people, to understand each other, assign a name to a fish. Mahi Mahi, for example, comes from Hawaii and means "very strong". Dorado is based on Spanish and refers to the golden yellow color that the fish shines with under the sun. Why it's called Dolphinfish in English is not well defined and while there are several stories around this, none have been confirmed. Dorado is found in all tropical to subtropical oceans around the world. Dorado is very popular both for recreational fishing and for consumption. It is known among fishermen as an exciting catch and a fish that puts up a good fight. Its meat is very good for con-

sumption and it is also commercially fished for that reason. They grow very fast, up to 2.7 inches (almost 7 cm) per week. They can live up to a maximum of 5 years although very few reach that age. Most become adults within 1 year but many become reproductive after just 5 or 6 months and reproduce very quickly too. They live in open water on the surface most of the time. Many fish seek them around sushi lines or floating objects on the sea. Often you will find a group landing together and if you keep a male on the line, often the others will stay close or can keep the group interested by giving shrimp or squid.

Description:

Dorado has a distinctive body. It has a large tail and its long, flat body ends in a large blunt head. Its color of yellow and green or blue makes it immediately recognizable, even with small variations in these colors. Dorado has clear differences between adult females and males. The male is larger and can easily reach 50 to 80 pounds and has a much flatter head compared to the female. Therefore, male Dorados are also called "bull Dorado". Dorado can be found in our waters around the island all year round, but there are periods when it is easier to find than others. □

Source: The Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (Santa Rosa).

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Keeping up with the conniving spider... Nanzi fools Cha Tiger

Many years ago, Cha* Tiger did not live in the mondi*, but among civil society. Back then, he was feared by everyone. When he walked past in a halfway, everyone around would make room immediately, that's how ferocious he was.

One night a group of friends was hanging out and they were talking about Cha Tiger. "You know, that tiger sure is incredibly strong and I don't trust him one bit. He probably eats a lot too. Oh, I'm so scared of him!" one person said.

"Oh, don't be stupid! What can Cha Tiger do? He's all bark and no bite, that's it. I certainly am not afraid of him. I bet you guys that I could even sit on his back like I would any donkey." It was Nanzi who said this. The people around him laughed at his remarks, thinking how silly it was for him to say such things.

"You, Nanzi? You are such a liar! He'll stomp you into next Tuesday, stop saying such nonsense."

"I'm not lying!" Nanzi defended himself. "He'll take me all the way to Shon Arei*."

The next morning, Shon Arei already knew of what Nanzi had been saying about Cha Tiger. He was really curious to see if Nanzi was brave enough to put his money where his mouth is. Cha Tiger walked past.

"Hey, Cha Tiger!" someone called to him. He growled at the person. "Hey, Cha Tiger! Listen!"

"Nanzi made fun of you, said he wasn't afraid of you at all! Said he could sit on your back and that you weren't as strong as we think you are."

Cha Tiger stopped dead in his tracks, furious. "Well, I'll set him straight!" Cha Tiger ran toward Nanzi's house, prepared to teach Nanzi a painful lesson. The entire way there he was growling and yelling, making everyone around aware what was going to happen. They all ran inside and peaked through the blinds to see the fight that was going to

unfold.

Nanzi also heard Cha Tiger's screams, slowly getting closer and closer. He was terrified. His face turned pale, and his teeth started chattering like someone with a high fever. Sweat was dripping down his forehead.

When Cha Tiger arrived at Nanzi's place, he stormed in and saw Nanzi's frail body lying face down in the corner. "Hey, how are you, Cha Tiger?" Nanzi asked, his voice trembling. "I Heard you were making fun of me in front of your little friends, so I came to hear from your own mouth what you have to say to me," Cha Tiger retorted, still fuming.

"Me? Talk bad about you?" Nanzi chuckled nervously. "People are such liars, I swear. Can't you see how sick I am here?" Nanzi took a pause, like someone who couldn't breathe properly. In his case of course, it was probably from extreme fear. "Shi Maria* wanted to take me to Shon Arei, where some-



one can heal me from my illness." Still wrapped up in his act, Nanzi turned back face down. "Me, a father of nine little children..."

Cha Tiger was shocked. Nanzi looked absolutely terrible, God knows he was dying.

"Cha Tiger, you're strong. Could you put me on your back and take me to Shon Arei, I can barely walk," Nanzi pleaded. Cha Tiger took pity on the spider and agreed to do this favor. Nanzi climbed on the tiger's back, letting his body fall down and grabbing on to Cha Tiger's neck. "Would you mind putting a rope in your mouth so I can hold on? That way I can sit up straight," Nanzi asked. Cha Tiger growled in reluctance but said OK. And so they made their way to Shon Arei.

Once they started traveling through the mondi, Nanzi turned to Cha Tiger and said: "These mosquitos are so annoying! Cha Tiger, do you mind if I cut a piece of branch so I can keep these mosquitos away?" Cha Tiger let him take his branch. Eventually they made it out the mondi to where everyone else was. Nanzi immediately perked up and whacked Cha Tiger with his branch, making the tiger jump. He ran all the way to Shon Arei's castle. Exhausted, he plumped down in

front of His Majesty.

"See, Shon Arei? Cha Tiger ain't nothing but a big donkey!" Nanzi said proudly. Everyone around cheered: "Hurray, Nanzi!" Poor Cha Tiger was so embarrassed that he was fooled by the conniving spider, and so he ran into the mondi to hide. To this day, it's said that the tiger still hides away in the mondi.

Cha: Nickname placed in front of someone's name and can mean anything, like friend. However, it often has negative connotations first.

Mondi: dry wooded areas found on the ABC islands.

Shon Arei: The King

Shi Maria: Nanzi's wife.

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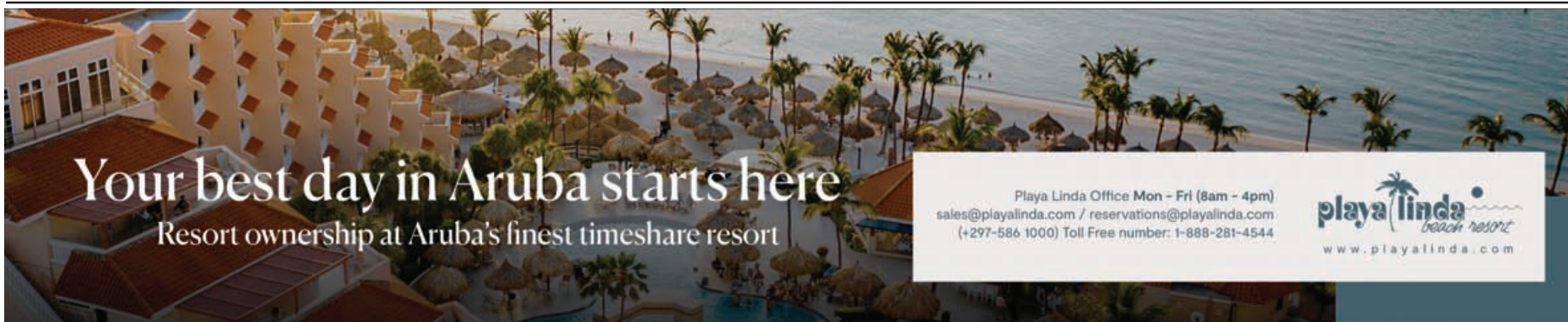
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The honorees were:

Goodwill Ambassadors

Mr. Alan Handelman and Mrs. Ilice Handelman

from Fort Lee, New Jersey, United States.

Ms. Keyttin Silva representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Hyatt Regency Aruba bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's weather.
- Friendliness of the Aruban people and especially Hyatt staff.
- Aruba's great restaurants.
- Beautiful tropical feel of the Hyatt
- Feels like our home away from home

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □



Dining in? Try making a local favorite How to make "funchi hasa"

(Oranjestad)—A night in can be just as fun as a night out on the town, especially if you got the right snacks to munch on. One of the most famous Aruban snacks or appetizers is "funchi hasa" (fried polenta sticks). A super easy meal that adults and children will both enjoy. Here's how to make it!

Before we start, get to know the basics

So what is funchi hasa? Funchi, or Aruban polenta, is a popular side dish for local dishes, like soups, stews and fried fish. Made from a corn flour, water and butter mixture, this appetizer is traditionally eaten alongside a warm meal. However, locals also like to fry sticks of funchi for a quick and filling snack.



Ingredients (measured by heart)

1. Polenta flour*
2. Water
3. Butter
4. Salt to taste

Directions

Bring water to a boil in a medium-sized sauce pan. Add in some salt and butter to taste in the boiling water and let this dissolve and melt. Then, gradually add the flour while stirring with a wooden spoon. The mixture will start to begin to harden pretty fast, so be careful not to add too much. At this phase of cooking, you want a goopy thick mixture, but thin enough so you can continue to stir to get all the lumps out.

After reaching a semi-firm, yet flexible texture, grab a baking pan or any large, deep plate, and pour the mixture in. Be sure that this plate is wet or greased so that the mixture does not stick to the bottom. Let this cool completely while it firms up for the last time. Once it's cooled you can enjoy it as is, topped with some butter or



shredded cheese. Or, you can take it to another level of deliciousness.

When your funchi is firm enough, cut it into strips (size is up to you). Heat up some oil in a pan and fry those babies up! After frying, you can top it with some cheese or enjoy it with your favorite dipping sauce.

Note: We recommend the FUNCHI FRESKU polenta flour brand that is sold in all supermarkets on the island. You can also use yellow corn flour from the brand PAN. □

Photo credit of fried funchi sticks: Jacqueline Felida on Pinterest.

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Mr. Walter Scott & Mrs. Cynthia Ann Nall from

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The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's consistent good weather
- Aruba's delicious restaurants
- Aruba's safety
- Aruba's happy people
- Aruba is a beautiful island

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothed, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the



famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can

take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass."

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry! Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass,

household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken

apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day! Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation!



Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □

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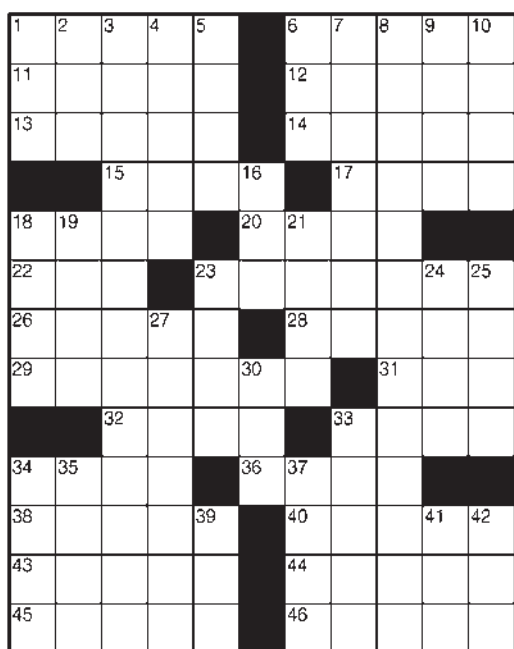
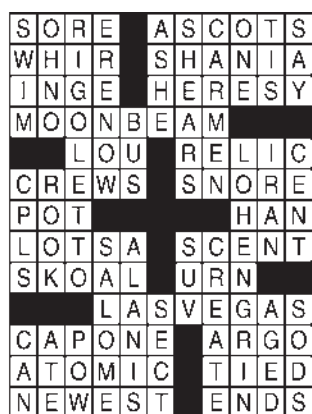
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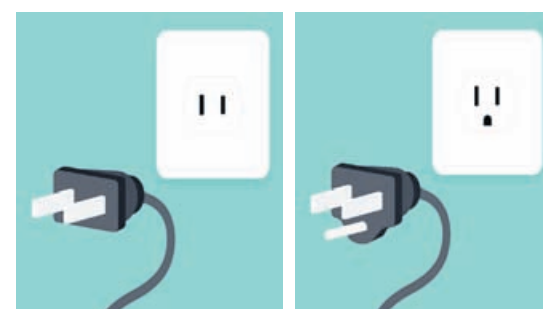
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

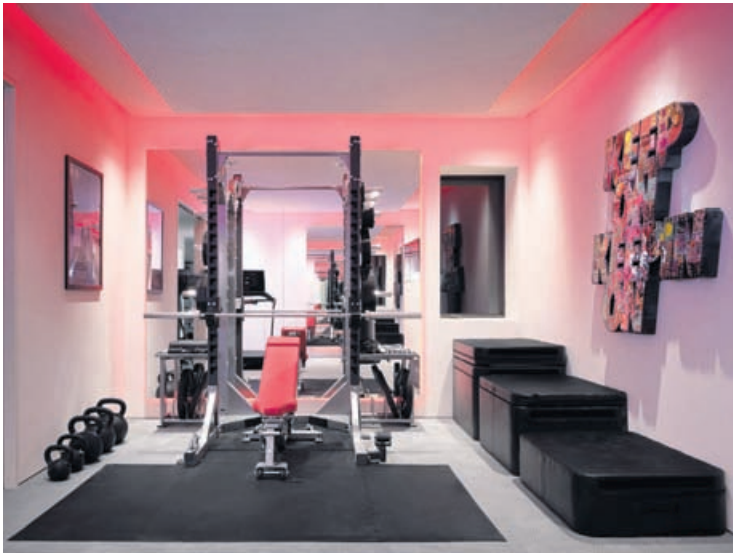


Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



'Wellness rooms' are claiming space in many homes



This photo provided by Ten Plus Three, shows a home gym created for a client in Aspen, CO.

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Our homes have been multitasking for a while now. They may be where we work, they are certainly where we play, and in today's stress-filled world, they're often the place where we feel most at peace.

Spurred by the pandemic, dens became offices, extra bedrooms became workout zones, dining rooms morphed into multifunctional creative spaces.

Often, we're seeing rooms transformed into sanctuaries of self-care: welcome to the "wellness room."

"Small sophisticated home gyms, music rooms, meditation rooms and Zen gardens are some of the wellness spaces we've designed recently," says designer Gonzalo Bueno, who owns the firm Ten Plus Three in Dallas. "Spaces for wellness, retreat and recharging are all really

popular right now."

Bueno and his team combined several of these ideas in a home renovation in Austin, Texas. There is an outdoor Zen garden, flanked indoors by a meditation room on one side and the soaking tub of the primary bath on the other, with both facing a serene green space.

Holistic high and low tech "Soundbathing," where you immerse yourself in soothing instrumental and natural sounds, has become popular at many professional spas. Now, companies are making versions for the home, or you can set one up yourself.

Create a low-tech soundbathing studio with some comfy pillows, yoga mats, essential oil scent and dimmed lights or candles and then either play or use recorded sounds of chimes, singing bowls and gongs. You can find links to meditation sounds online.

There are full-size beds available that use low frequency sound and vibrations, or you can find cushion-y mats with some of the same features, far less costly.

Traditional saunas use steam, but infrared light saunas are an easier-to-install alternative for indoors. Several makers offer single, two- or three-person versions made of wood or just an insulated fabric. Fancy ones come equipped with Bluetooth audio and color-changing lights.

If you really want to splash out on an in-house, multi-sensory, luxury experience, there are shower units integrating tech into customizable water, steam, lighting and music.

Quiet and maybe deep Jack Ovadia, whose eponymous design firm is based in

New York, created a one-person onsen, the Japanese deep-soak-style tub, for a Phoenix client. The cocoon-like space has a contemplative wall of terrazzo pebbles and a pretty, petal-bedecked chandelier above.

But he also is doing wellness rooms that can multi-serve with a sauna and then an invigorating cold plunge tub. In his own home, he has an area to practice yoga and Pilates. □

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Denny Hamlin ends 10-year win drought at Martinsville Speedway

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Denny Hamlin ended an agonizing 10-year winless streak at Martinsville Speedway, holding off teammate Christopher Bell in his home state to secure a spot in the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs. The Joe Gibbs Racing star, who was raised a few hours away in the Richmond suburb of Chesterfield, leads active Cup drivers with six victories at Martinsville. But Sunday was his first checkered flag on the 0.526-mile oval in southwest Virginia since March 29, 2015 and also his first with crew chief Chris Gayle, who joined the No. 11 team this season. With the 55th victory of his career (tying NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace for 11th on the all-time list), Hamlin also snapped a 31-race winless streak since last April at Dover. He led a race-high 274 of the final 275 laps after taking the lead from Chase Elliott.

"Chris Gayle, all the engineers, the pit crew, everybody really just deciding they were going to come here with a different approach than what we've been over the last few years," said Hamlin, who was a frequent contender during his 19-race win drought at Martinsville with 10 top fives. "It was just amazing. The car was great. It did everything I needed it do to. Just so happy to win



Denny Hamlin (11) celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race in Martinsville, Va., Sunday, March 30, 2025.

with Chris, get 55. Gosh, I love winning here." Bell, who leads the Cup Series with three wins in 2025, finished second after starting from the pole position, and Bubba Wallace took third as Toyotas swept the top three. The Chevrolets of Elliott and Kyle Larson rounded out the top five. "It was a great weekend for Joe Gibbs Racing," said Bell, who had finished outside the top 10 the past two weeks. "Showed a lot of pace. All four of the cars were really good. Really happy to get back up front. The last two weeks have been rough for

this 20 team. Really happy for Denny. He's the Martinsville master. Second is not that bad." Hamlin had to survive four restarts — and a few strong challenges from Bell — in the final 125 laps as Martinsville produced the typical short-track skirmishes between several drivers. The most notable multicar accident involved Toyota drivers Ty Gibbs and Tyler Reddick, who had a civil post-race discussion in the pits. Bubba's big day Bubba Wallace tied a season best and improved to eighth

in the Cup points standings but was left lamenting his lack of speed on restarts after being unable to pressure Hamlin. "I'm trying to scratch my head on what I could have done different," said Wallace, who drives the No. 23 Toyota for the 23XI Racing team co-owned by Hamlin and NBA legend Michael Jordan. "My restarts were terrible. One of my best traits, so I need to go back and study that. The final restart, I let that second get away. I don't know if I had anything for Denny. It would have been fun to try. But all in all,

a hell of a day for Toyota." **Special day turns sour** After being honored Sunday morning with a Virginia General Assembly proclamation commending Wood Brothers Racing's 75th anniversary, Josh Berry led 40 laps in the team's hometown race before disaster struck. Berry's No. 21 Ford was hit in the left rear by the No. 23 Toyota of Bubba Wallace while exiting the pits, causing Berry's car to stall in Turn 2. Berry, who can withstand a poor finish because his Las Vegas victory qualified him for the playoffs, returned after losing two laps for repairs. He still managed to lead the most laps for Wood Brothers Racing at Martinsville since NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson led 180 on April 29, 1973 (the team's most recent victory at the track just east of its museum in Stuart, Virginia). **Up next** The Cup Series will race next Sunday at historic Darlington Raceway, the South Carolina track that will celebrate a "throwback weekend" that encourages teams to feature vintage paint schemes and crew uniforms. It's the first of two annual races on the 1.366-mile oval that dates to 1950. Brad Keselowski won last year's throwback race, and Chase Briscoe won the Southern 500 last September. □

Mike Tomlin has no problem with Aaron Rodgers taking his time to decide whether he'll play in 2025



New York Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers (8) looks out over the line of scrimmage during an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Oct. 6, 2024 in London.

PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — Some people might be anxiously waiting for Aaron

Rodgers to make up his mind about whether he's going to play this upcoming

season. Mike Tomlin is not among them. The Pittsburgh Steelers coach told reporters at the NFL's owners meetings that while he enjoyed spending some time with the four-time league MVP when Rodgers visited the team's facility earlier this month, he has no intention of putting Rodgers on a clock. "Deadlines don't often bring that to a head," Tomlin said. So for now there doesn't appear to be one, not even with the NFL draft less than four weeks away and the Steelers holding the 21st overall pick. Rodgers, a free agent for

the first time in his 20-year career, has been linked to Minnesota and the New York Giants as well, though the Giants appear to no longer be in play after signing Russell Wilson and Jameis Winston. The Vikings also appear to be set at quarterback with J.J. McCarthy returning from an injury that cost him his rookie season. On the surface, the debate appears to be whether Rodgers wants to play in Pittsburgh, or if he wants to play at all. The Steelers did bring back Mason Rudolph on a two-year deal. But the only other quarterback currently on

the roster is former Miami Dolphin Skylar Thompson. There's plenty of room to add, both physically and in terms of salary. "We're optimistic about the room that we're constructing," Tomlin said, later adding, "But certainly we're going to continue to explore all our options in terms of rounding that room out." Tomlin and Rodgers have long had an affinity — publicly anyway — for each other, including a couple of moments during games in recent years in which they seemed to acknowledge each other for their gamesmanship, moments quickly went viral. □

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Torpedo-shaped bats draw attention after Yankees hit team-record 9 homers in rout of Brewers

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NEW YORK (AP) — New torpedo bats drew attention when the New York Yankees hit a team-record nine homers that traveled a combined 3,695 feet on Saturday.

Using a strikingly different model in which wood is moved lower down the barrel after the label and shapes the end a little like a bowling pin, Paul Goldschmidt, Cody Bellinger, Austin Wells, Anthony Volpe and Jazz Chisholm Jr. homered in New York's 20-9 rout of the Milwaukee Brewers. "That's just trying to be the best we can be," manager Aaron Boone said Sunday. "That's one of the things that's gotten pointed out. I say to you guys all the time, we're trying to win on the margins and that shows up in so many different ways." MLB has relatively uncomplicated bat rules, stating under 3.02: "The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2.61 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. The bat shall be one piece of solid wood." It goes on to state there may be a cupped indentation up to 1 1/4 inches in depth, 2 inches wide and with at least a 1-inch diameter, and experimental models must be approved by MLB. Former Yankees infielder Kevin Smith posted online Saturday that Aaron Leanehardt, a former Yankees front-office staffer who now works for the Miami Marlins, developed the torpedo barrel to bring more mass to a bat's sweet spot.

"You're going up with a weapon that can be better," Smith wrote. "Your just misses could be clips, your clips could be flares, and your flares could (be) barrels. And it was true, it's fractions of an inch on the barrel differentiating these outcomes."

Goldschmidt, batting lead-off for the first time, opened with a 413-foot homer off Nestor Cortes and Bellinger followed with a 451-foot drive that initially didn't register with Statcast. Aar-

on Judge, using a bat with a conventional shape, hit a 468-foot shot that made the Yankees the first team to homer on each of a game's first three pitches since MLB's records began in 1988.

Bellinger first was presented with the torpedo-shape concept in a batting practice session last season with the Chicago Cubs but did not use it in a game. He was given a more advanced version during spring training this year.

"I started swinging this one in spring or before spring, kind of early on, and I was like, 'Oh it feels good,'" Bellinger said. "It was an ounce lighter than the one I was swinging, but I think the way the weight was distributed felt

really good."

Bellinger, the 2019 NL MVP with the Los Angeles Dodgers, switched from a maple Louisville Slugger to a birch bat and cited MLB's 2010 rule change narrowing the maximum diameter from 2.75 inches.

"I'm usually a maple guy, but birch for me allows me to get the bigger barrel because I wasn't grandfathered in," Bellinger said.

"So it's all within regulation. They made sure that before the season even started, knowing that I imagine at some point the way these bats look that it's probably going to get out at some point."

Volpe, who homered for the second straight game Saturday, began using the



New York Yankees' Jazz Chisholm Jr. prepares to bat during the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, March 30, 2025, in New York.

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torpedo in spring training. "The concept makes so much sense. I know I'm bought in," Volpe said. "The bigger you can have the barrel where you hit the

ball, it makes sense to me." Judge, who hit an AL-record 62 homers in 2022 and 58 last year en route to his second AL MVP award, didn't see a reason to experiment. □



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Yankees go yard four more times, sweep Brewers 12-3

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Judge homered in his first at-bat, Jazz Chisholm Jr. homered twice and the New York Yankees went deep four more times in a 12-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday, a day after becoming the third team in major league history to hit nine homers in a game.

The Yankees hit a total of 15 homers and scored 36 runs as they swept the three-game series.

A day after homering three times for the third time in his career and finishing with a career-high eight RBIs, Judge hit a two-run homer off Aaron Civale (0-1) in the first inning, sending a full count 89 mph fastball into the lower left field seats. After hitting 58 homers last season, Judge is the first Yankee with four homers in the opening three games. Judge finished with 11 RBIs in the series.

GIANTS 6, REDS 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Matt Chapman hit a two-run homer and Heliot Ramos homered for the second time in the series as San Francisco beat Cincinnati. It was a pitchers' duel through the first five innings. Reds right-hander Nick Martinez (0-1) retired the first 13 batters before Ramos launched his 1-1 pitch into the left-field stands to put the Giants ahead 1-0. Chapman's two-run homer in the sixth made the score 4-0. Martinez allowed four earned runs with a walk and five strikeouts.

Giants right-hander Robbie Ray (1-0) had a perfect game through five innings, but things unraveled for him in the sixth.

Gavin Lux broke up the no-hitter when a leadoff single. Then Austin Wynn hit a two-run homer, his first of the season, and Matt McLain



New York Yankees' Jazz Chisholm Jr. reacts after hitting a three-run home run, also scoring Paul Goldschmidt and Aaron Judge, during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Sunday, March 30, 2025, in New York. Associated Press.

added a solo shot, his second, to make the score 4-3. Ray retired one batter in the sixth before exiting after allowing three earned runs with a walk and four strikeouts.

Cincinnati had the tying run at the plate in the eighth. Santiago Espinal grounded to Chapman who tagged lead runner Jacob Hurtubise then threw to first to complete an inning-ending double play.

Camilo Doval retired the Reds in order in the ninth for his first save.

NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Josh Bell and Nathaniel Lowe homered, and Washington avoided a season-opening series sweep with a victory over Philadelphia.

Bell, who was 0 for 9 to begin his second stint with Washington, ripped an Aaron Nola fastball into the center-field seats for a three-run homer in the fourth inning. Lowe ended Nola's day with a two-run shot to center in the sixth.

Washington starter Mitchell Parker (1-0) put two runners on in each of the first three innings but escaped trouble each time. He pitched 6 1/3 scoreless innings, allowing seven hits and striking out five.

Kyle Finnegan entered with the bases loaded and none out in the ninth, allowing an RBI grounder before retiring the next two batters for his first save.

Nola (0-1) allowed five runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings while striking out eight.

Paul DeJong had three hits for Washington. Rookie Dylan Crews struck out in all three of his plate appearances a day after going 0 for 5 with five strikeouts. He is 0 for 11 this season.

Catcher J.T. Realmuto (bruised foot) and shortstop Trea Turner (back spasms) did not play for the Phillies. Realmuto fouled a ball off himself Saturday and left in the seventh, while Turner missed his second game in a row.

BLUE JAYS 3, ORIOLES 1

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Bassitt pitched six innings to win his first start of the season, George Springer hit a two-run single as Toronto beats Baltimore.

Tyler Heineman added a solo home run, his first, as the Blue Jays split the four-game series with their AL East rivals. Orioles right-hander Tomoyuki Sugano left his major league debut after four innings because of cramping. Sugano (0-1) allowed two runs and four hits.

Sugano took the mound to warm up for the bottom of the fifth but manager Brandon Hyde, Orioles trainers and a translator soon gathered around him for a conference. Sugano was seen flexing his right hand before walking off. He was replaced by Matt Bowman. Bassitt (1-0) allowed one run and eight hits. The right-hander walked two and struck out seven.

Brendon Little and Yariel Rodríguez each worked one inning of relief and Jeff Hoffman finished for his first save. **MARLINS 3, PIRATES 2**

MIAMI (AP) — Griffin Conine hit a home run, Derek Hill scored the winning run from third on a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth as Florida beats Pittsburgh.

Andrew McCutchen hit a lead-off homer in the top of the second inning but Nick Fortes hit an RBI double to left that drove in Hill to make it 1-1 going into the third. The 38-year-old McCutchen now has 800 career extra-base hits, third most among active players (behind Freddie Freeman with 885 and Paul Goldschmidt with 833). Conine hit a solo shot to make it 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh. His father, Jeff Conine, helped the Marlins to World Series titles in 1997 and 2003 and is known as "Mr. Marlin." He was inducted in the franchise's hall of fame earlier Sunday.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa hustled out an infield single to drive in Endy Rodríguez, who had walked to lead off the fifth inning, to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead.

With a runner on first in the top of the ninth, Miami's Kyle Stowers made a running over-the-head catch at the warning track to rob Enmanuel Valdez of extra bases and keep the game scored at 2-2.

RANGERS 3, RED SOX 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

Wyatt Langford and Adolis García hit solo home runs in the sixth inning to put Texas over Boston.

The homers came after Boston scored twice in the top of the inning off Texas' bullpen to spoil Jacob deGrom's first start of the season. DeGrom allowed two hits in five shutout innings, lifted after nearing his pitch count at 73.

Langford's opposite-field homer off rookie Richard Fitts (0-1) barely cleared the wall in the right-field corner. Two batters later, García blasted an 0-2 sweeper into the second deck in left field. The Red Sox scored twice in the sixth inning off Shawn Armstrong (1-0), one run unearned, to take the lead. Willyer Abreu hit a two-out, 0-2 opposite-field double into the left-field corner to score Kristian Campbell and came around when Rangers third baseman Ezequiel Durán threw low to first base.

RAYS 6, ROCKIES 4

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Brandon Lowe hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the first and Tampa Bay never trailed in their win over Colorado.

Taj Bradley (1-0) pitched six innings, allowing two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts for the Rays and Jonny DeLuca went 3 for 4. Pete Fairbanks, who had 48 saves in 56 opportunities over the past two seasons, allowed two hits with two strikeouts in a scoreless ninth and earned his first save of the season.

Pinch hitter Mickey Moniak hit a two-out two-run homer in the top of the seventh for the Rockies. Nick Martini hit an RBI single in the fifth and Hunter Goodman's single in the top of the sixth drove in Tyler Freeman to make it 2-2. Tampa Bay's José Caballero went 1 for 3 with an RBI, a walk and a run scored — beating a late tag by catcher Jacob Stallings. □